Privatisation of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited

2274. SHRI R. T. GOPALAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to privatise Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited (IDPL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the workers are assured of continued employment in case of privatisation; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) There is no proposal to privatise Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited at present.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Privatisation of Fertilizer Units

2275. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to privatise some fertilizer units;

(b) if so, the fertilizers plants identified for privatisation; and

(c) the steps taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) No decision has been taken to privatise any fertilizer unit.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Production of Life Saving Drugs

2276. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have contemplated any schemes for the increase in the production of life-saving drugs and price control to keep such drugs within the reach of poor people; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) Provisions in the Drug Policy 1986 have sought to increase production of life saving drugs of good quality at reasonable prices (copy of which is available in the Parliament Library). This policy is currently being further reviewed.

Complaints against drug companies

2277. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2087 given in Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the names of the companies against whom complaints/instances have been received or noticed by Government regarding violation of provisions of DPCO, 1979 and 1987;

(b) when was each complaint/instance received/noticed by Government;

(c) what are the details of provisions contravened by each; and

(d) who is examining these complaints and by when final conclusion would be drawn?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (d) The examination of complaints/instances of provision of DPCO, 1979 and 1987 is on going process. These are looked into with the help of State Drugs Controller wherever required for taking appropriate action. The cases of overcharging in the prices of bulk drugs and formulations are more important, details of which have already been furnished in reply to Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 418 answered on 27.2.1992.

Drugs produced by companies operating under FERA and MRTP.

2278. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred question 2085 given in Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 1991 and state: